

Should all gates remain open? Not all agree with HUDA's suggestion

The HUDA administrator's recent remark on sector gates has sparked off a huge debate. The administrator had said all gates of sector should be kept open. While some residents are of the view that by keeping the gates open, their security would be at stake. Others say that it will help in the free movement of the vehicles.

President of Confederation of Residents' Welfare Association and Sector 15 RWA, TD Jatwani, who favours keeping the gates open said, "Residents used to install gates only in their blocks but also in lanes. This hampered the free movement of vehicles. People had to take a full circle of that area to enter one lane and sometimes people keep on roaming on the roads to find the way. The gates should remain open and a security guard should be there on all the open gates. He should keep a record of the number of vehicles and the houses they go to. Moreover, residents should themselves be more vigilant as theft cases also happen in the areas where gates are closed. I have distributed many circulars in the sector on how people can remain alert and the kind of safety measures they should take even if they leave the house for an hour."

AS Gulati, general secretary of the Confederation of RWAs, has a different yet diplomatic opinion on the issue. He said the security situation in residential colonies in Faridabad was going from bad to worse and cases of vehicle thefts, robberies, chain snatching and heinous crimes were increasing



A debatable issue: should it be open (above at Sec 15) or not (below at Sec 28)?



day by day.

"Fear has gripped the minds of residents. People themselves can keep a check on activities in their areas and install iron security gates at the entry and exit points of the residential pocket to prevent intruders. These security gates act as deterrent to the criminals, particularly bikers," Gulati said.

Gulati said the only purpose of installing security gates was to ensure security of residents. "The gates should be closed at night leaving one gate open that would

be manned by a guard. And no gate should be closed during the day from 5 am to 11 pm. Local RWAs should ensure that there is no violation of the rules and the iron security gates are installed with majority agreement of the residents."

Dr RK Sharma, a resident of Sector 46 said, "While gates on the periphery of the sector may be fine but some residents for their personal safety or to block the entry of residents of the sector to a HUDA park located in that pocket had raised an

unauthorised gate within the sector. No one has the authority to block the roads in the sector. But they had done it and had created a problem for other residents living in the sector outside the enclosure hem. Sector residents submitted a petition to the Estate Officer, HUDA, for removal of the gate and after that gate was pulled down. Residents now feel happy and thank HUDA for removing the gate, which had made life difficult. With this action, no one in the future may dare to raise gates."

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